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My Lords and Gentlemen,

AT the Opening this Parliament I told you My Opinion was, That you were come together with Hearts fully disposed to do what was Necessary for the Safety, Honour and Happiness of the Kingdom; and having nothing else to Recommend to you, I had Reason to hope for Unanimity and Dispatch.

You have now Sat so many Months, that the Season of the Year, as well as your particular Affairs, make it Reasonable you should have a Recess; I take it for granted you have Finish't all the Bills which for the present you think Requisite

to be Paſs't into Laws, and I have given My Aſſent to all you have Preſented to Me.

If any thing ſhall be found Wanting for Our Safety, the Support of Publick Credit by making good the Faith of the Kingdom as it ſtands Engaged by Parliamentary Securities, and for Diſcharge of the Debts occaſion'd by the War, or towards the Advancing of Trade, the Suppreſſing of Vice, and the Employing of the Poor, which were all the things I Propoſed to your Conſideration when we met firſt, I cannot Doubt but Effectual Care will be taken of them next Winter; and I Wiſh no Inconvenience may happen in the mean time.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majeſties Command, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HIS Majeſties Royal Will and Pleaſure is, That this Parliament ſhould be Prorogued to *Thurſday* the Firſt Day of *June* next; And this Parliament is Prorogued accordingly to *Thurſday* the Firſt Day of *June* next.

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